Cancellation of agencies in J and K

4749. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies were cancelled in the country in general and J and K in particular during the last three years;

(b) the charges on which these petrol pumps and LPG agencies were cancelled; and

(c) the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies which have been restored after cancellation during the above period with the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) The year-wise details of Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships cancelled (terminated) in the country and J&K during the last three years are as follows :-

Year	In the Country		J&K	
	Retail Outlets	LPG Distributorships	Retail Outlets	LPG Distributorships
2000-2001	107	14	–	01
2001-2002	122	24	–	01
2002-2003	85	11	01	01
TOTAL :	314	49	01	03

(b) The Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships were cancelled (terminated) due to various reasons *viz.*, malpractices/irregularities, resignation, non performance, benami operation, unauthorized reconstitution, violation of dealership agreement and dishonor of instruments, etc.

(c) 21 Retail Outlets and 2 LPG distributorships have been restored after cancellation during the above period.

Private oil refinery in J and K

4750. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to allow private sectors to set up oil refineries in the country including J and K State; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Oil refining industry was de-licensed in June, 1998. After de-licensing, oil refineries can be set up by companies as per their requirement.

LPG agencies in Uttaranchal

†4751. SHRI HARISH RAWAT : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of gas agencies working in the Uttaranchal alongwith the district-wise location thereof;

(b) whether Government have received any proposal for opening more gas agencies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) As on 1.4.2003, Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) were operating 126 LPG distributorships in various districts of the State of Uttaranchal.

(b) and (c) Consequent upon the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), OMCs are free to set up the LPG distributorships as per their commercial considerations in all the States.

Supply of petroleum products from Vizag Refinery

4752. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of petroleum products being made available to Andhra Pradesh by Vizag Refinery of HPCL at present on monthly basis, product-wise;

(b) the other sources supplying petroleum products to the State, source-wise and product-wise; and

(c) what will happen to the supplies of HPCL to the State after the disinvestment of HPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) The details of petroleum products being supplied to Andhra Pradesh by Vizag Refinery of HPCL product-wise and month-wise during the year 2002-03 are given below :

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.